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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of
DECKERS et al.

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International Application
PCT/EP 00/12277

Filed: December 6, 2000

For: PIGMENT CONCENTRATES AND THEIR PRODUCTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as shown on the attached sheet.

REMARKS

The claims were amended in the preliminary examination. The claims have been amended further to eliminate multiple dependency and to place them in better form for U.S. filing. No new matter is included.

A clean copy of the claims is attached.

Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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